

# PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Miyamoto *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1632

**Serial No.: 10/591,530**

Examiner: Wilson, Michael C.

Filed: September 1, 2006

Docket No.: 1680/15

Confirmation No.: 2171

For: METHOD FOR DIFFERENTIATING MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS INTO  
STEROID-PRODUCING CELLS

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### AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated February 18, 2009, for which a shortened statutory period for reply has been extended up to and including August 18, 2009. A petition for a three-month Extension of Time is attached hereto. A payment in the amount of **\$1,110.00** in connection with the filing of this correspondence is being paid herewith by credit card. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies of payment or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account No. 50-0426. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

### AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: